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SUBJ: CHIREP ISSUE AT IMF/IBRD MANILA MEETING

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1. CENTRAL BANK DEPUTY GOVERNOR BENITO LEGARDA, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR IMF/IBRD MEETING, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER UPON INQUIRY THAT PEKING HAS INDEED RAISED REPRESENTATION QUESTION WITH GOP. ACCORDING TO LEGARDA, SECRETARY OF FINANCE VIRATA DISCUSSED THE MATTER BRIEFLY AT THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE MONETARY BOARD ON SEPTMEBER 10.

2. AS LEGARDA UNDERSTANDS IT, PRC AMBASSADOR TO THE RP, KE HUA, APPROACHED VIRATA, PERHAPS EARLY LAST WEEK. VIRATA REPORTED THAT HE PROPOSED A "CANADIAN FORMULA;" THAT IS, ADMISSION OF DELEGATES FROM TAIWAN ONLY AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM TAIWAN, NOT THE ROC. LEGARDA DID NOT KNOW IF KE HAD SUGGESTED TOTAL EXCLUSION, MOVING TO THE "CANADIAN FORMULA" AS A COMPROMISE, OR IF HE HAD PROPOSED THE "CANADIAN FORMULA" AT THE OUTSET. VIRATA
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FURTHER REPORTED TO THE MONETARY BOARD THAT HE (VIRATA)

TOLD KE HUA THAT THE ROC WAS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE IMF AND IBRD, THAT QUESTIONS OF ACCREDITATION ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THAT AS HOST, THE GOP COULD NOT BAR ROC PARTICIPATION. VIRATA TOLD KE, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE PRC WERE TO APPLY FOR IMF MEMBERSHIP (A PREREQUISITE TO IBRD MEMBERSHIP), THE GOP WOULD SUPPORT ITS APPLICATION. VIRATA STATED THAT HE BELIEVED HE RESPONDED TO KE AS PRESIDENT MARCOS WOULD HAVE WISHED, WHICH INDICATED TO LEGARDA THAT VIRATA HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH MARCOS. HE HAD NO DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS, HOWEVER.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ORAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN VIRATA AND KE HUA, LEGARDA SAID THAT THE PRC EMBASSY HAS PRESENTED A NOT TO THE DFA, AND LEGARDA SUGGESTED THAT THE DFA "NERVOUSLY NELLIES" MIGHT TRY TO ADVANCE A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO MARCOS, BASED ON COMMITMENTS MADE UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF RP/PRC RELATIONS. LEGARDA WAS REASONABLY CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT MARCOS WAS ANXIOUS TO SEE A SMOOTH, ISSUE-FREE CONFERENCE, WAS EAGER TO AVOID THE SORT OF UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY GENERATED FOR THE CANADIANS AT MONTREAL, AND WOULD SUPPORT VIRATA'S POSITION.

4. EMBASSY WILL BE PURSUING THIS SUBJECT FURTHER WITH LOCAL GROG REPRESENTATIVES AND WITH GOP, INCLUDING DFA, OFFICIALS.
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